

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. Ito et al. Attorney Docket No.: NAI127769
Application No.: 10/585593 Art Unit: 1762 / Confirmation No.: 4431
Filed: June 16, 2009 Examiner: Ling-Siu Choi
Title: COMPOUND HAVING CROSSLINKED POLYROTAXANE AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The Office Action dated February 15, 2012, has required an election between:

Group I: Claims 1-20 and 23-29, drawn to a crosslinked polyrotaxane; and

Group II: Claims 21-22, drawn to a method to prepare a crosslinked polyrotaxane.

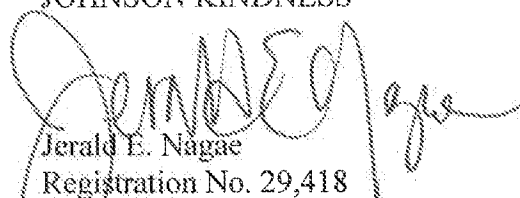
Applicants elect for prosecution on the merits, invention Group I, Claims 1-20 and 23-29.

Claims 21 and 22 are related to the currently elected claims as method claims. Upon allowance of the elected claims, should Claims 21 and 22 include all of the limitations of the elected claims, rejoinder and allowance of Claims 21 and 22 are requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the foregoing, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the below indicated telephone number.

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